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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

8 RAPHAEL HENSON,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 KING COUNTY JAIL, *et al.*,

12 Defendants.

Case No. C17-1885-RSM-JPD

ORDER RE: PLAINTIFF'S PENDING  
MOTIONS

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14 This is a civil rights action brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This matter comes before  
15 the Court at the present time for consideration of ten motions recently filed by plaintiff. The  
16 pending motions include the following: (1) motion to dismiss the waiver of service of summons  
17 of defendant Derek Jensen (Dkt. 35 at 1-3); (2) motion to dismiss the notice of appearance for  
18 defendant Derek Jensen (*id.* at 4-7); (3) motion to have a “judge trial” (*id.* at 8); (4) motion to  
19 access the law library at the Washington Corrections Center (*id.* at 9); (5) motion to strike  
20 documents containing the name Derek Jensen and to amend documents in the record to reflect  
21 the defendant’s true name, Sergeant Jellen (*id.* at 10-19); (6) motion re: enforcement of the  
22 Fourteenth Amendment (*id.* at 20-23), (7) motions for court-appointed counsel (Dkts. 36, 42); (8)

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1 motion for discovery (Dkt. 37); and, (9) motion regarding exhibits (Dkt. 41). The Court having  
2 reviewed these motions, and the balance of the record, hereby Orders as follows:

3 (1) Plaintiff's motions pertaining to defendant Derek Jensen (Dkt. 35 at 1-3, 4-7, and  
4 10-19) are DENIED. Plaintiff complains in this series of motions that the attorney representing  
5 defendants in this action has improperly referenced a defendant named "Derek Jensen" in recent  
6 submissions when the defendant's actual name is Sergeant Jellen. Plaintiff seeks to strike  
7 documents referencing the improper defendant and to correct the record to reflect the proper  
8 name of the defendant.

9 Plaintiff, in his amended civil rights complaint, identified "Sgt. Jensen" as a defendant.  
10 (*See* Dkt. 7.) The Court ordered service on a Sergeant Jensen at the King County Jail, and  
11 defendants' counsel thereafter returned a waiver of service of summons and entered a notice of  
12 appearance on behalf of an individual named Derek Jensen. (*See* Dkts. 24, 33, 34.) Plaintiff  
13 now claims that the correct name of the defendant is "Sgt. Jellen" and he accuses counsel of  
14 having made up the name Derek Jensen. Whether or not Derek Jensen is the intended defendant  
15 in this action, plaintiff clearly identified Sergeant Jensen and not Sergeant Jellen as the defendant  
16 in his amended complaint. Counsel cannot be faulted for plaintiff's apparent misidentification of  
17 the defendant in his pleading. If plaintiff wishes to correct the record, he may file a motion to  
18 amend his complaint together with a proposed second amended complaint identifying the proper  
19 defendant. The record will continue to reflect the defendant originally identified by plaintiff  
20 until plaintiff takes appropriate steps to correct the record.

21 (2) Plaintiff's motion to have a "judge trial" (Dkt. 35 at 8) is DENIED. The Court  
22 presumes that plaintiff is intending to request a bench trial in this matter as opposed to a jury  
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1 trial. However, defendants have included a jury demand in their answer to plaintiff's amended  
2 complaint as is their right. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 38. Assuming this case proceeds to trial, this  
3 matter will be tried to a jury unless defendants later waive that right.

4 (3) Plaintiff's motion for access to the law library at the Washington Corrections  
5 Center (Dkt. 35 at 9) is DENIED. Plaintiff, by way of the instant motion, appears to seek an  
6 order granting him emergency law library access that will allow him to meet court imposed  
7 deadlines. The Washington Corrections Center is not a defendant to this action and this Court  
8 therefore has no jurisdiction to direct the actions of the facility or its employees. The Court notes  
9 as well that there are no deadlines currently pending in this matter. While the Court will be  
10 issuing a pretrial scheduling order in conjunction with this Order, none of the deadlines set forth  
11 therein should require emergency library access.

12 (4) Plaintiff's motion re: enforcement of the Fourteenth Amendment (Dkt. 35 at 20-  
13 23) is STRICKEN. The Court has carefully read plaintiff's motion but is unable discern what, if  
14 any, relief plaintiff is actually seeking by way of this motion. Plaintiff's motion is therefore  
15 deficient and will not be addressed further. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(b)(1).

16 (5) Plaintiff's motions for court-appointed counsel (Dkts. 36, 42) are DENIED.  
17 There is no right to have counsel appointed in cases brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Although  
18 the Court, under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), can request counsel to represent a party proceeding *in*  
19 *forma pauperis*, the Court may do so only in exceptional circumstances. *Wilborn v. Escalderon*,  
20 789 F.2d 1328, 1331 (9th Cir. 1986); *Franklin v. Murphy*, 745 F.2d 1221, 1236 (9th Cir. 1984);  
21 *Aldabe v. Aldabe*, 616 F.2d 1089 (9th Cir. 1980). A finding of exceptional circumstances  
22 requires an evaluation of both the likelihood of success on the merits and the ability of the  
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1 plaintiff to articulate his claims pro se in light of the complexity of the legal issues involved.  
2 *Wilborn*, 789 F.2d at 1331.


3 Plaintiff has neither demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits nor shown that, in  
4 light of the complexity of the legal issues involved, he is unable to articulate his claims pro se.  
5 Thus, plaintiff has not demonstrated that this case involves exceptional circumstances which  
6 warrant appointment of counsel.

7 (6) Plaintiff's motion for discovery (Dkt. 37) is STRICKEN. As plaintiff was  
8 previously advised (*see* Dkt. 25), discovery requests must be directed to defendants and not to  
9 the Court. Plaintiff is once again instructed to familiarize himself with the discovery rules as set  
10 forth in Rules 26-37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure before proceeding with further  
11 discovery.

12 (7) Plaintiff's motion regarding exhibits (Dkt. 41) is STRICKEN as it does not  
13 identify what, if any, relief is being sought as is required under Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(b)(1).

14 (8) The Clerk shall send copies of this Order to plaintiff, to counsel for defendants,  
15 and to the Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez.

16 DATED this 13th day of July, 2018.

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18 JAMES P. DONOHUE  
19 United States Magistrate Judge  
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